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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 7-26-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response does not include a listing of all the claims ever presented along with a parenthetical therefor as required by 37 CFR 1.121 effective 7-30-03. It is further noted that the parenthetical "(deleted)" and "(previously amended)" used in the 2-23-04 response should be --(cancelled)-- and --(previously presented)--, respectively instead. For example, the full text of claim 1 would be presented with the parenthetical --(withdrawn)--. With regard to claim 4, the text of the claim would not be presented but the parenthetical --(canceled)-- would follow the number "4.". The full text of claim 21 would be presented with the parenthetical --(previously presented)--. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
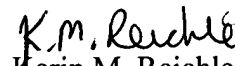
2. It is noted on page 2, line 6 of the 6/25/04 restriction/election requirement "20-47" should be --21-47--, instead. The Examiner apologizes for such typographical error. It is further pointed out that with respect to Applicants 7-26-04 remarks that each of the subcombination claims of Group II also require the particulars of the article being a "sanitary napkin" which each of the independent combination claims do not require. It is noted that "sanitary napkin" as defined by the dictionary is "a disposable pad of absorbent material worn to absorb menstrual flow".

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karin M. Reichle whose telephone number is (703) 308-2617. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Schwartz can be reached on (703) 308-1412. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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